



Michelle Kwan: Heart of a Champion

Vocabulary in Depth

Level 5

Theme 2



Focus Words

- compete
 - technique
 - require
 - patient
- impatient



compete

verb

- If you **compete** in a contest or a game, you take part in it.



compete

These bike riders
compete to determine
the fastest rider.





compete

These foosball players **compete** to determine the best team.



compete

- There are many sports and games that you could **compete** in. Think of one that you would enjoy.
- Tell your partner what you would like to compete in.
- Begin by saying:
I would like to compete in.....



compete

compete _v competition _n
competed _v competitor _n
competing _v competitive _{adj}

Tom loves to **compete** in races. In the past, he **competed** in marathons, running the 26 miles. After being injured in a skiing accident, he wanted to continue **competing** in marathons so he joined the wheelchair **competition**. Tom has proven to be a great **competitor**, winning a number of races. He is very **competitive**.





technique

- **Technique** is skill and ability in an artistic, sporting, or other practical activity that is developed through training and practice.



technique





technique

These children are learning how to meditate, to calm their minds. Once they learn the **technique** they will be able to meditate for hours.



technique

This Olympian archer mastered many **techniques** including how to hold the bow, release the string, and aim at the target.



technique

- This batik artist uses many special techniques as she creates. How might an artist acquire these techniques?
- Begin by saying:
An artist might gain techniques by.....





technical adj

- You use **technical** to describe the practical skills and methods used to do an activity such as an art, a craft, or a sport.

technique

technique _n

technical _{adj}

technically _{adj}

Michelle Kwan worked very hard to master the **techniques** of ice skating. Her jumps and landings require great **technical** skill. Ice skating judges have found Michelle to be **technically** superb.





Focus Words - Review

1. compete
2. technique
3. require
4. patient

- a. If you need something, you _____ something.
- b. If you are slow to lose your temper, you are_____.
- c. To do a difficult athletic skill, you need to learn _____.
- d. When you play a game and try to win, you _____.